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Red Cross In Desperate Need Of More Personnel

The overseas operation of the Red Cross is not to suffer, personnel conditions must be remedied immediately by the recruiting of both men and women to serve with the domestic Red Cross and in the overseas operation, Murray E. Hill, Fort Benning field director, said Wednesday.

Not only is personnel needed badly overseas but the staff in this country needs replenishing because of the depletion of personnel shipping of personnel overseas.

To those who are interested in joining the American National Red Cross can designate whether they wish to stay in this country serving in the camps or hospitals or whether they are willing to serve overseas. No Red Cross personnel is sent overseas unless that individual volunteers for overseas service.

There is listed below those positions which urgently need to be filled both in the overseas operation and in the United States.

Assistant Field Director: Age 30 to 50. Exceptionally well-qualified men under 30 may be accepted. Must have 50 or more active members in their community. Must be able to meet physical standards. Requirements are interest in people and participation in community activities.

Assistant Field Director—Recreation: Same as for Assistant Field Director, plus experience in recreation. Athletic coaches and physical education directors are usually good prospects.

Club Director: Age 35 to 50. Must have 50 or more active members in their community. Must be able to meet physical standards. Requirements are interest in people and participation in community activities.

Program Director: Age 30 to 50. Training and experience in recreation with emphasis on program planning.

WOMEN
Hospital Social Worker: Age 25 to 45. Graduate of recognized school of social work.

Hospital Recreation Worker: Age 25 to 40. Training and experience in recreation in hospitals, colleges, young people's groups, etc. Knowledge of arts, crafts, music, sports and games is important.

Able Bodied Recreation Worker: Age 25 to 40. Training and experience in recreation with emphasis on sports.

Staff Aide: Age 25 to 40. Assists the Hospital Social Worker. Must have some training and experience in social work. (Also a large number for domestic service.)

Assistant Club Director: Age 35 to 45. Managerial experience in clubs or hotels.

Staff Assistant: Age 25 to 35. Works in overseas clubs and clubmobiles. Need not be a trained recreation worker, but experience in that field is helpful. Volunteer experience in Red Cross Chapters, clubs, or in Servicemen's Clubs is good background.

Personal Service Director: Age 30 to 45. Serves in overseas clubs. Counsels with service men and women on personal matters, makes plans and grants to meet emergencies, and refers situations to other resources when necessary. Detail work background is required.

Secretary: Age 23 to 35. Good stenographic skill, and ability to organize office work.

A woman under 25 may be accepted if she is unusually well-qualified and mature. No woman with a child under 18 is accepted for overseas work.

Note again that less weight will be given to academic background, and that selections will be based on basis of attitude, adaptability, sureness, personality, and mental skills. All candidates should possess a friendly personality, sense of humor, poise, tact, good appearance, talents, and the ability to work with people.

Anyone interested in joining the Red Cross should apply by letter stating directly to the Personnel Department, American Red Cross, Southeast Area, 220 Spring St., S. W., Atlanta 3, Georgia. One should give complete and comprehensive details in their letter of application. On receipt of letter the area will make arrangements for a personal interview with the applicant at which time they will be given all details concerning Red Cross employment.

220th Ordnance HAM Has Stag Christmas Party

They do things in a big way out at the 220th Ordnance Heavy Artillery Maintenance Company, Second Army unit stationed at Fort Benning, and their Christmas party last week was no exception.

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Veteran Relates How He Won His Silver Star

In the hospital bed, T-Sgt. Paul Lemley, of Company H, 4th Infantry, The Infantry School, a smooth-cheeked, blond, wounded veteran who had been decorated with the Silver Star, relaxed against the pillow, with his hands clasped behind his head and talked while his wife sat on the adjacent bed and listened.

"It was near the Volturno River in Italy," Sergeant Lemley described the action for which he was decorated. "There was a thick fog and visibility was almost zero. The Germans had been throwing shells after shells into our positions in a counter-attack. Our platoon leader was killed and then our line broke and the platoon withdrew in the fog. There was only one thing to do, so I did it," he concluded simply.

Displaying coolness under fire after his platoon had become tanks in a counter-attack. Our platoon leader was killed and then our line broke and the platoon withdrew in the fog. There was only one thing to do, so I did it," he concluded simply.

Two weeks after his gallant action, Sergeant Lemley was wounded at St. Marian, Italy, by an artillery shell which struck him in the head, legs and back. Because of his wounds Sergeant Lemley was returned to the States and soon after his arrival was assigned to Company H of the 4th Infantry.

A veteran of the African and Italian campaigns, Sergeant Lemley was a member of the National Guard regiment at his home town in Waterloo, Iowa, at the time of the invasion of North Africa in November, 1942, during which he received a French citation for their outstanding conduct.

Returned to the States after approximately two years and eight months overseas which included 50 days of front line duty.

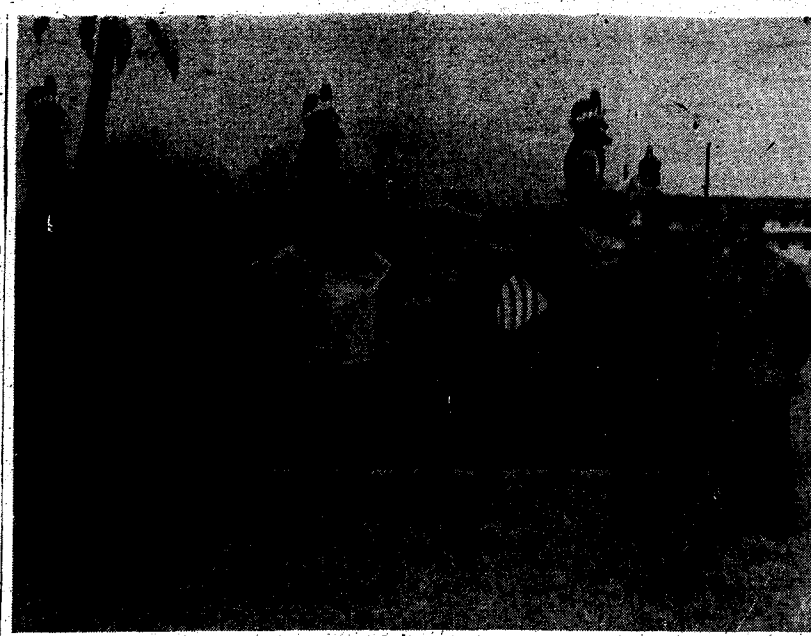
Further illumination on the role played by troops on D-Day in Northern France has just been provided by a group of jumpers who recently returned to the Parachute School to be assigned to its cadre.

Corporal Daniel Donohoe tells how troops, outnumbered by almost six to one, surrounded and captured a large unit of Nazis. "We were dropped ahead of the invasion forces for the purpose of blowing up railroad bridges. We were subjected to an explosive attack by the Nazis. Though there were only 60 of us, we succeeded in surrounding our opponent force, which outnumbered us by six to one, killing many of them, holding the others at bay. Finally, after 36 hours, we were relieved by our men coming from the beach. The 60 of us took 200 prisoners. Many other Nazis were dead." Corporal Donohoe was awarded a Unit Citation and the Purple Heart—the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Donohoe, of Napo, California.

Private John Gorzynski, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Gorzynski of Erie, Pennsylvania, had a different mission to perform when he was dropped with a unit of troops. "We were assigned to take two bridges and to hold a ferry against great odds. The fighting was bitter, but we accomplished our mission, and made the job of our invading forces easier." Private Gorzynski was awarded the Bronze Star.

To Private Hilario C. Campos, and his outfit went the job of taking over the water locks in the Caranton region, thereby preventing the Nazis from flooding the area. "Had the Nazis been allowed time to flood the region, our men from the beachheads frequently have been stalled for some time, and it is impossible to say what the ultimate consequences of this delay would have been. But we didn't give them a chance to do it." Private Campos returned to this country with a Unit Citation and the Purple Heart. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Campos of Chicago, Ill.

held in one of the large classroom buildings belonging to the Infantry School, and they had all the trimmings, including an orchestra, refreshments, entertainment, and Christmas presents for everybody. Andy Brown did some more of his imitations, and a barber shop quartet consisting of Cpl. Imes, Sgt. Cunningham, Sgt. Daniels, and S-3 Cunningham, gave out on some fairly close harmony. Over 175 men attended.



THE ACCURATE REPRODUCTION of the scene of the Three Wise Men on their way to Bethlehem and a companion scene of the Nativity, which have been erected in the Reception Center Area, is the work of, left to right, S-Sgt. George W. Williams, a graduate of the manual training course at Tuskegee Institute; Sgt. Emerson Bryan, a graduate of Hampton Institute in Virginia and former instructor at Chapel Hill, N. C.; T-4 Ernest L.

Hale, graduate of the manual training course at Tuskegee Institute; Sgt. Leroy Threadgill, who did free lance painting and stage scenery work before entering the Army, and Sgt. Edward Montgomery, who is not shown in the picture. Research work in an effort to get an exact replica of costumes worn at that time was done by Sgt. Bryan, drawing and painting was done by Sgts. Threadgill and Montgomery and the figures were erected by Sgts. William and Hale. (U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo.)

Soldiers Fought In Mire Waist-deep On Guadalcanal

"Bob Hope said that Guadalcanal is the only place in the world where you can stand waist deep in the mud and still get stuck in your eyes," related Sgt. John Tessen, a veteran of thirty months of service in the Pacific including 135 days of combat action on Guadalcanal and Bougainville.

"And he was right," he added with emphasis. During his five months on Guadalcanal men endured heavy rainfalls causing mires everywhere. Along roadsides men would often be forced to stand aside in a swamp while making way for traffic. Roads had to be bedded upon tons of earth or mounted on logs in order not to sink into the marshes of the island.

A regular army man, Sergeant Tessen enlisted in the United States two months before the attack on Pearl Harbor but on the following March was sent to Australia. For his long service Sgt. Tessen holds the following awards and decorations: MANY RIBBONS

Presidential Unit Citation, Distinguished Unit Citation, which were both earned by his organization, the Second Guadalcanal Marine Division, worn on the right arm of the blouse; the Good Conduct Ribbon. In addition, he has three "hash marks" and five overseas bars.

"Guadalcanal was the toughest," answered Sergeant Tessen to a question concerning the difference between Guadalcanal and Bougainville. "At Guadalcanal we not only had the threat of Japanese planes, but the Japanese would sneak in occasionally and blast us on our tanks. At Bougainville we had better equipment and we used more improved methods of jungle warfare."

"At Guadalcanal, the 77mm field artillery was none too effective," he said. "Of every fifteen shells nine or ten would be duds. One dud lit ten feet away from our foxhole once. That was close enough."

The highly effective weapon of the Japanese, according to Sergeant Tessen, was the knee mortar. "Those knee-mortars, the 90 mm gun, and snipers were our greatest worry—and those Japs are constantly infiltrating. They gave us as much to worry about in our war as to our front. My toughest combat action was the battle for Henderson Field on Guadalcanal, he added.

After combat duty on Guadalcanal from October 1942 to March, 1943, Sgt. Tessen went to rest camp in the Fiji Islands.

"Fiji is a good place for a vacation," he said. The swimming there was about as perfect as you'd want it. Some of the pools on the island were 30 feet deep, and the water was so clear that we could read the face of a dime at that depth.

He was in rest camp in Fiji until December 5, 1943, when the division went to Bougainville.

According to Sergeant Tessen, factors that made life on Bougainville a little easier were the engineers who drilled artesian wells which provided the men with good drinking water. Also, owing to the increase in the number of reserve troops, they were not required to stay on the front too long.

Sergeant Tessen, who is called "Bogey" by men of Anti-Tank Company because of his service at Bougainville, served on the island from December 1943 to June, 1944, during which time he was in the line for more than a month. He left Bougainville in June 1944 and returned to the states on the rotation plan. He was assigned to the 4th Infantry Bougainville in addition, he has three "hash marks" and five overseas bars.

Excepting for occasional visits to his home in Trenton, N. J., Sergeant Tessen casts his lot with the army.

"I'm a thirty-year man," he said. "I like the army."

Combat Vet Calls Martha Raye 'One of Best Soldiers'

"Martha Raye, the movie star, was one of the best 'soldiers' among the many trouperes who came overseas to entertain us," says Technical Sergeant Anthony J. Biolo, former special service enlisted chief of the Mediterranean Base Section who's now a member of the Academy Regiment, The Infantry School.

"She put on three shows a day in widely scattered places, never complaining about the tiresome traveling or lack of rest. You could see that she was tired, yet like a real soldier she'd button up her field jacket and go out and give her best."

In the mornings she sang for wounded men in the hospitals, and in the evenings she appeared in outdoor entertainment areas, and evenings she put on big shows for five or six thousand battle veterans.

Martha Raye was one of scores of stars from the entertainment world whom Biolo looked for to show in the Mediterranean area. Al Jolson put on a 45-minute singing program on an outdoor stage; Sterling Holloway, in uniform at the time, toured North Africa bases with his all-soldier show.

SHACHT THERE
"Al Schacht, the baseball comedian, put on his big-league act before or even during soldier games," Biolo recalls. "With his big glove and his hilarious pantomime he was a sensation with the boys." Men out of combat were so eager for entertainment they'd even stand in the rain to watch an outdoor show, Biolo says. Frequently he drove his special service truck up near the front, set up a screen 20 yards from the vehicle and ran off a movie for men who were just about to go into combat.

Pine Grovers Have Real Yule

A real Christmas weekend was the lot of 40 members of the 89th Signal Operations Battalion, Second Army unit stationed in Pine Grove, with dances, parties, and all the trimmings.

They were the guests of the U. S. O. in West Point, Georgia, where they were entertained at a dance-party Saturday night, with hostesses from the West Point Women's Business College, at the General Tyler Hotel. They were put up Saturday night at the college, at the homes of some of the girls, and at the hotel, and were guests at a breakfast at the Hotel. On Sunday they attended an all-day dance-party, given by the College.

The party was arranged by Cpl. Solbert Levenson, Special Services NCO of the 89th, and a bus was chartered for conveyance to and from West Point.

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL
Five members of OQ 2A Crew No. 4, Second Army unit stationed in Harmony Church area, were presented with Good Conduct Ribbons Friday by Lt. Alfred R. Richardson, unit commanding officer. Men honored were T-Sgt. Kenneth D. Greene, S-Sgt. Floyd Parrish, T-4 Max Humphries, T-4 William T. Thomas, and T-5 Anthony Sylakowski.

Hand-woven Flag Given Benning

Because he was unable to serve his country in the present war and carry on the tradition which his father had established in World War I, Daniel Roy Overland, 3125 1-2 Third Avenue, Columbus, made a hand-woven flag which he presented Tuesday afternoon to Brigadier General William H. Hobson, Fort Benning Post Commander.

The flag Mr. Overland said, had been made as a dedication to men overseas who had made and would make the supreme sacrifice. He wove it on an old-fashioned American loom and spent many weeks in the cast were excused from duty.

PLANS GO ASKEW
It rained that night and it would have been a perfect evening for an indoor show," Biolo says. "But suddenly the whole soldier cast was called out on guard duty and for seven days we patrolled the streets. We found out later that big troop movements were in progress."

Sergeant Biolo wears three overseas stripes for 18 months' duty with special service in England and at the Mediterranean Base Section headquarters. Before entering the service three years ago he worked for a war plant in Warbury, Conn., where his family lives at 57 York street.

Sick Soldiers Have Big Yule

Christmas parties which included the presentation of gifts for more than 3,500 men featured the holiday season at the Fort Benning ASP Regional Hospital under direction of Colonel Chauncey E. Dowell, commanding officer.

Not only were the usual Yule stockings and boxes of candy presented to the men at the hospital but special gifts were made to each man and thousands of their own packages wrapped and mailed by various Red Cross organizations under the direction of Mrs. Frances J. Hattaway, Assistant Red Cross Field Director at the hospital.

Mrs. Edgar Bullock, Co-Chairman of Columbus Gray Ladies, acted as hostesses for the three parties at the Main Hospital. They were assisted by the members of the A. W. V. S.

The entertainment was provided by the Military Maids, Girls Choir of Columbus, directed by Mrs. Hugh Roberts, the two Glee Clubs of the 68th Infantry, conducted by Major Mann, and the Colored Community Choir of the Recreation Department of the City of Columbus.

Contributions of gifts, donations, trees, and decorations were made by the following individuals and organizations:

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"By rushing out from his fixed defenses, the enemy may give us the chance to turn his great gamble into his worst defeat. So I call upon every man of all the Allies to rise now to new heights of courage, of resolution and of effort. Let everyone hold before him a single thought—to destroy the enemy on the ground, in the air, everywhere—destroy him!"

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Our 1945 Diet to Be Blood, Sweat, and Tears

Next Sunday midnight will usher in the New Year 1945, a year fraught with hope, a year fraught with danger. The hope of the world of free men is that during this 12-month period we shall be able to get our spirits and gather our strength for a knockout blow of the forces of evil and the reconstruction of a world of peace and good will.

But the new year will be teeming with danger as the current counter-offensive of the German Army on the western front well demonstrates. The new year will be fraught with the danger also, that once this German thrust has been stopped, we Americans will again sink into the slough of complacency which characterized our collective attitude before the Nazis showed that they are still dangerous and that they are determined to do everything in their power to carry the whole civilized world down with them.

The New Year's resolution that all of us must make and stick to is that we shall resolve to cast aside all thought of personal interest and devote our undivided efforts to the one and all-important job of bringing the war to a successful conclusion.

That means that we must put forth our very best efforts during every hour of the day or night in performing the jobs which have been assigned us. That means that we must have ever before us the sober realization that we cannot afford to waste time or money. It means that whatever the size of our bank-rolls we cannot afford not to be able to afford war bonds.

We have been in a crisis since the Nazi hordes crossed into Poland on that September morning in 1939. With bad news now coming from Europe we are now in the crisis of that crisis. And until that crisis is weathered and our enemies are destroyed we must banish optimism and reconcile ourselves to the fact that until Peace has returned our diet period can be only one of "blood, sweat, and tears."

The Gift Without The Giver Is Bare

There were "gift counselors" in our department stores before Christmas to tell us whether Uncle Ben would really like those sheepskin lined slippers. Or where we were to go to fill out the broken pieces of Sue's china set. But, as James Russell Lowell said, "The gift without the giver is bare." We also need counsel in personal giving for, even in these days when war boys at the front are giving so much, most of us still don't know how to give ourselves.

Uncle Ben may need more than slippers. Perhaps he feels he has been slipping and needs a new grip in life. Sister Sue may have more than broken china. She may have a broken heart. You can give Uncle Ben and Sister Sue your time and understanding along with your Christmas gifts. You can give them love and sympathy. Find where they feel defeated. Win their confidence in this by telling them where you have felt defeated yourself. Then go on to tell them where and how you found a new grip in life.

You can tell them, perhaps, how your heart sank when you had news that Bob was missing. Then how you rallied to give heart to the relatives of other casualties. That is just one of the many ways in which we can give ourselves to others.

If the stores, of course, didn't have slippers or china, you couldn't give them to Uncle Ben and Sister Sue. And, if you yourself are slipping, broken-hearted or defeated, you yourself need something deeper before you can give it away.

How to get it, that is the secret of Christmas. Christ, deserted by His followers, no doubt felt that He was slipping. We know that he was broken-hearted, not only by the failure of those near Him, but by the state of His whole nation and the decline of civilization across the world. Yet, by turning to the Father, He always found the counsel and the courage needed for the fuller giving of Himself.

We too can find this greater gift and pass it on to Uncle Ben and Sister Sue. It will carry far beyond them and help repair the state of our nation and turn the tide of civilization in our times.

The Rocket's Glare Examines Inspections

There is one phrase common to every soldier, that seems to impress military personnel almost as forcefully as the playing of "The National Anthem." That phrase? "The Inspectors are coming!" is accepted in a variety of ways.

There is the colonel who does not wish to appear outwardly perturbed over the announcement but who inwardly, with visions of promotion to General Officer status, wonders if all is well within his command. The Lieutenant Colonel, as right-hand man to the colonel, has some anxious moments as he tries to convince himself that plans, complete in mind, are beyond the initial stage. Major: as many cases feeling that they are disappointed safety beyond higher rank and subordinate officers, seem undisturbed as they watch captains call meetings of company officers. Lieutenant, many new to official ranks,

usually feel that the outcome of the inspection hinges on the efforts of their platoons and issue orders restricting companies to areas while windows are washed, dog tags ordered and last-minute entries hastily scribbled in Service Records.

The enlisted personnel, accustomed to these periodic furies and long since resigned to the penalties that poor inspections bring, methodically go about their duties. Some work like Trojans as they endeavor to maintain good unit records, others loaf as they gamble on a none-too-thorough inspection while a few almost hope that some "higher-up" will "catch it." The day of inspection comes. Many officials, with questions and directions memorized before-hand, make the rounds and—after promising that "this is off the record"—leave.

A few weeks later the report comes in, filled with those little "off the record" deficiencies. Section heads get their reprimands, embellish them and inflict them on their subordinates who follow suit and, about two weeks later, some private writes home stating that his regiment will lose the war for the United Nations. Reports go forward solemnly affirming that all deficiencies have been corrected, signs of relief circulate through the command and the unit settled down waiting for the mobilization cry. "The inspectors will be around."

—The Rocket's Glare

Classical Music Grows Popular With Average Soldier

Music, in its more permanent form, is on the upswing with the average soldier these days. Witness these signs of the times; music rooms in USO's and similar organizations are thronged with soldiers eager to devote a major portion of the free weekend or evening to strains of Beethoven, Bach, and Brahms. And not only to listen, but to argue vehemently and learnedly on the relative merits of their particular favorites.

Attractions like symphonies, famed opera stars, and other notables of like calibre are playing to packed houses whenever a post is lucky enough to be able to book them as an attraction. Record stores are favorite around communal radios, with ecstatic "Ohs" and "Ahs" as this or that well known selection is performed, not by Benny Goodman or Tommy Dorsey, but by such purveyors of the classics as Arturo Toscanini, Leopold Stokowski, or the flute-like voices of Swarthout or Grace Moore.

Symphonies, concertos, overtures, operas, chamber music, each has its ardent supporters, not unlike the partisan cheer leading for the home town hero in the local prize ring. Instead of whistling "Flat Foot Floogie with a Floy Floy" you are apt to hear the impressive finale of Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture" issuing from the lips of some carefree KP as he dally goes through his chores.

Our own experience has been that these soldiers who do not know the classic type of music are ready converted to enthusiasm, once prevailed upon to listen to top ranking performances. Shows given under adverse conditions at bivouacs, or behind the lines, or in the more ideal conditions of rest camps and our own stages and recreation halls all "go over" with a cry for more from these unsatiable appetites.

A great many of the newcomers to the ranks of music lovers got there by accident. Maybe it was Maxine Sullivan singing the "Aria" from "Martha," or Freddy Martin's sweet version of the "Piano Concerto in B Flat Minor," or Hazel Scott's teasing version of the "Hungarian Rhapsody," any of these, might first have aroused a person's curiosity as to what the original of these swing paradises sounded like. A little research and behold another "longhair" is born. You don't believe it. Spend five minutes on a Saturday in one of Columbus' popular music stores and see the many soldiers who come in, shop around critically, and triumphantly walk away with a precious album of the latest dishing by Sir Thomas Beecham or Emil Borodin.

Final proof; recently at Camp Roberts, Cal., 20,000 soldiers stood and cheered at the conclusion of an hour-long rendition of the "Shostakovich War Symphony," heavy going for any music lover, when presented by the Philadelphia Orchestra. That's a lot of soldiers, but there'll be more and more as this wonderful type of entertainment continues to gain in popularity.

T. J. G. Myers

"Christmas comes but once a year." And that's the trouble. We need the Christmas spirit every day.

Looking for a Santa Claus, of course, should be confined to Christmas only.

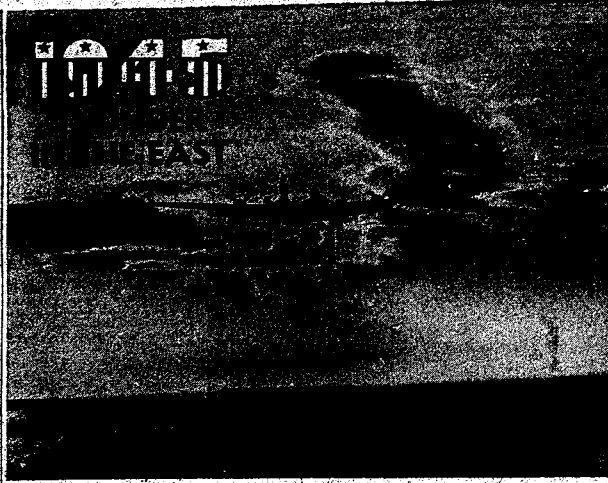
We cannot expect other nations to see eye to eye with us if we look down on them.

Great men forget themselves in serving others. Small men forget others in serving themselves.

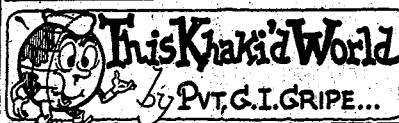
Inner discipline builds better character than remote control.

"What can I do my country for?" is the spirit which turns victory into defeat.

There's no use being free from things we don't like, if that just makes us a slave to things we do like.



A Superfortress soaring off Saipan, into the rising sun, symbolizes what will be America's great task of 1945—carrying the Pacific war in ever more punishing intensity to Japan itself.



Boys of Company E, 3d Inf. Regt., claim that a 3d platoon went home recently on furlough and tried booby-trapping his father's front gate — with a real stick of dynamite. Can't find out what the old man did to the kid, though.

While in Co. F of the Cockades, they're laughing over the story that when Tech Sgt. Dennis went through with a recent check-up by the medic, the examiner remarked "Do you think you can make it back to the barracks all right?"

And then over in K Co., of the 3d, Pfc. Robert Dennis went to bed bright and early the other night whereupon Staff Sgt. Hawke, after letting him sleep awhile, shook him and yelled "Why weren't you out for reveille?" Dennis leaped out, rushed to the mess hall and at last reports is still sore that breakfast wasn't ready.

They claim in the 215th Ord. Bn. that when Santa visited there, Tech. Sgt. Albert Curson, chewed Santa out because he didn't have his shoes painted red in the properly prescribed manner.



SOURCE OF CHARACTER
Chaplain J. J. Frawley

Character is all-important in a just war; and character, like ideals, flows from a high source. It is an outward mark of inner strength. It is the expression of a developed soul, a soul that like tempered steel was heated to whiteness in the fires of enthusiasm and dipped again and again into waters of disappointment and waiting. And only when the right color of purpose is caught and held is the soul of man fitted for the work he has to do.

St. Paul went through this tempering process. His soul was heated to blinding whiteness on the road to Damascus, but the Master Craftsman, Christ, tempered it through years of waiting before He declared it fit to drill its way through the Gentile world and prepare that world for the passage of the Gospel. John the Baptist was another such character. So were John and James, the "Sons of Thunder." So were all the Christian martyrs. And this tempered strength is not the sole possession of unconquerable men but can be in the souls of sheltered women, and even of young girls. St. Agnes had it as she stood amid the flames. St. Cecilia had it as she played the simple Christian harmonies in the Catacombs. St. Agatha had it as she was dragged mutilated over broken glass and piercing shards. St. Joan of Arc had it as she led the armies of France and gave her life as the stake.

This is more than mortal strength and comes to us from a Man who was more than mortal and more than Man. It comes to us from Christ, who could look calmly into the eyes of His enemies in the first days of His public life and say to them: "Destroy

For a time, with no razor blades for sale any place, it looked as though some of the boys here at Benning would soon be wearing beards. But now that they've got in some blades — there ain't no matches obtainable.

Wearing a crestfallen face nowadays is a T-5 in Fourth Headquarters, Special Troops, Second Army. He was given a "Class X" Olive Drab shirt and later in the day when exploring its pockets was tickled pink to discover several dollar bills in one of the pockets. Imagine the letdown later on when someone phoned up and reminded him to deliver some money he had been given for that purpose earlier in the day. He had forgotten all about it!

They tell this one on T-4 Michael Myrsko, of the Personnel Section of the 215th Ordnance Battalion: seems that on Christmas Eve Santa Claus came up to him and asked him what would he like for Christmas. Mike stumped the old gent nicely when he is said to have insisted on some new copies of Army Regulations.

"this temple," meaning His body "and in three days I will raise it up," and who at the end of His life could behold unflinchingly the scourge, the nails, the cross, and say of His executioners: "Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing." It is from Christ and Christ alone that sufficient greatness will come so to turn our characters that we will have the strength to conquer what must be conquered, and, no less, the strength to forgive when that task is done.

THOUGHTS OF PEACE

Father, O Father, will you consider the meaning of war to this boy at your side?

How long have the fair hills of England been torn by the bombs that I've heard since the day I was born?

From the books of the past I've so often seen, Fresh English valleys fertile and green; And the staunch spires of London so different somehow; Than the torn, twisted steeples my eyes witness now.

Father, O Father, my playmate recalls, When England's dark streets were bright marble halls—Where windows stood glaring and lights from the cars Shone forth with a glow that dazzled the stars.

Is this true, Father, was the sky really fair, With nothing above but the clouds God placed there? That nourished the fields with cool drops of rain And guaranteed flowers and ripe fields of grain?

Father, O Father, tell me again, Of that land where you lived when this earth knew no war—So I'll be prepared to offer my hand To the future I face in a quiet, peaceful land.

S-SGT. ROBERT G. LYALL
He Co., 1st STA-TIS

The best New Year's gift is a new spirit — a new attitude in life — something that you can't wrap up in packages.



By "TAP"

"Tempus fugit" or as the flea said to the clock: "Time flies!" ... "Yes, sub, the old year has certainly fled. ... Before we realize it, 'twill be spring again, then summer will be here, and winter draws on. ... Migawh! Another year gone and nothing accomplished."

Speaking of the quaint and curious element of time, did you know that the New Year will arrive at Fort Benning after it has been acclaimed in Columbus?

The difference in time at the post and the big city is rather copious — and not amusing. "We still can't understand why some parties don't confer and have the clocks set to coincide. ... No matter how long one resides in these parts, there are always the inevitable mix-ups that occur because of this certain 60 minutes."

On at least two occasions, we have set our alarm clock by Columbus time before retiring. The result: one hour late to duty in the a.m., with the same old excuse becoming worn to a frazzle. ... Then there are numerous amorous G.I.'s who have been either an hour too early or late for countless dates. ... Of course, women are usually at least an hour late in keeping appointments — but if the unfortunate male shows up as much as two seconds tardy, woe—"woo"—is his.

It's amusing, too, when you consider the fact that it is possible to leave the post at 5:30 p.m. and land in town at 5:00 p.m. ... The best story we've heard yet about this cuckoo (clock) situation concerns a person who dwells in the suburbs, employed at the Fort. ... The character claims that in the neighborhood are two roosters, one of which crows on Columbus time, the other serenading the dawn on Fort Benning time. ... Wouldn't a municipal sun dial solve the problem?

Seems that a soldier entertained a bar in town and, instead of ordering a drink, asked for an empty wine goblet. ... Upon receiving same, he immediately proceeded to crunch the glass, swallowing the bits with apparent relish. ... This procedure was repeated several times! "Are you nuts?" the astonished bartender exclaimed, finally.

"No, why?" demanded the lad. "Well, you're throwing away the stems; those are the best parts!"

To all our readers—both of 'em—we wish a Tap-Happy New Year!

And to Tap, Ye Editor wishes same with hope he will learn some new jokes in 1945.

To get to first base in national unity, start from home base.

Knowing everything that might be done is knowledge. Knowing what is right to do is wisdom. Doing it is character.

We can't sling mud and keep our hands clean.

Christianity brings sanity. I'm bringing schisms.

When we give our best, the world is better.

If what you did yesterday still looks big, you've done very little today.



By EILEEN

Christmas has come and gone, and a new year is coming upon us. One of my most sincere wishes for the new year is that hope that our next Christmas may be one of the old-fashioned kind — the kind that we have known in years past, when there has been peace in the world and kindness and good will in the hearts of men.

Christmas in years past has been a time of feasting and merrymaking, of eggnogs and plum pudding with hard sauce, curlicues of sugar candy and jellied cranberries — a time of gift-giving and cheer-leading.

But Christmas this present year has been a day devoid for most of us of those reminders of past Christmases. True, many a family throughout the nation celebrated Christmas in the old way, but many another went without the traditional feast, without the candy and sweets and the gifts. For the many who did without those things, it was in the spirit of sacrifice, but it was also in the spirit of giving, for those things which they went without were things made up of ingredients that belong rightfully this year to those of our boys who are overseas — fighting to bring peace to the world again — to

make the world a fit place in which we may again celebrate Christmas in the old way we know.

There is no cream for the traditional eggnogs this year. There is no butter with which to make hard sauce — no stockings filled with candies to provoke shouts of joy from the youngsters on Christmas morning. All of those things are bound for the battlefronts of the world — many of them made into shells that will scream through the air on Christmas — on the day after Christmas when the fight is progressing, the tide of battle awing.

It seems little to ask that we do without the "trimmings" that we associate with the Christmas season in order to provide our boys with ammunition — to give them a little of the holiday trimmings in their trenches and foxholes in Europe and the South Pacific.

Our little sacrifices are only too small when we remember that our boys over there are giving their lives to make the world a safe place for us to live. So let us all wish for them a speedy peace — and a lasting peace — that they may join us soon and celebrate many and many a Christmas to come in the old way we all know and love.

occupation are you pursuing?"

Folly—Well, right now it's a second lieutenant."

COMMON FEELING

Postcard from a GI on furlough: "Having a wonderful time. Wish I could afford it."

A soldier who had returned to civilian life wrote his second lieutenant:

"Sir: After what I have suffered in the past two years, it gives me great pleasure to tell you to go to hell."

In due time, he received the following reply:

"Sir: Am suggestions or inquiries concerning the movement of troops must be entered upon an Army Form 3132, a copy of which I enclose."

EXPENSIVE TREATMENT

Glasses definitely help to cure that tired feeling, an oculist will tell you. The trouble is most people can't afford to keep filling them.

LAND OF FREEDOM

A senior hostess at one of the local cantons was dutifully putting a visiting Australian soldier at his ease the other night. "And I suppose," she said brightly, "that the first thing you saw when you got to this country was the Statue of Liberty." "No, ma'am," the soldier said. "Alcatraz."

SABOTAGE

The scene is a train compartment in Romania. The character of a German officer, a Romanian officer, an old lady and an attractive girl. The train enters a tunnel. The passengers hear first a kiss, then a vigorous slap. The train emerges into the light again. Everyone remains silent, but the German officer has a black eye.

The old lady thinks: "What a good girl she is, such good manners, such a fine moral character!"

The girl thinks: "Isn't it odd that the German tried to kiss the old lady and not me?"

The Romanian thinks: "That Romanian is a smart fellow—he steals a kiss and I get hit."

The Romanian thinks: "I am a brilliant fellow. I kiss the back of my hand, hit a German officer, and get away with it!"

Old lady (cooing to little baby in crib): "Whose little baby are you?"

Little baby: "Danged if I know!"

IT'S LIKE THIS

"She told me you told her what I told you not to tell her."

"Oh, isn't she mean? I told her not to tell you I told her."

"Well, don't you tell her I told you she told me."

"Well, you said I had to choose, didn't you?" demanded the husband, in bed with his golf club.

MacDuff: "I had a date with a mind reader last night."

John: "Really? Well, did you have any fun?"

MacDuff: "No. She just sat around all evening and blushed."

Sally: "What wartime occupation are you pursuing?"

Folly—Well, right now it's a second lieutenant."

COMMON FEELING

ROD AND GUN

Sgt. Al Colby of Academic Regiment Writes Letter On Skiing In New England

Outdoor enthusiasts at Fort Benning are myriad, with hunters and anglers in abundance. . . But there is also great interest in other types of open-air pastimes. . .

Tigers Defeat 2nd STR Five In 53-41 Tilt

The Reception Center Tiger basketball team defeated the 2nd STR Marvells in a spirited game last Thursday at the 25th Infantry gymnasium by a score of 53 to 41.

The Reception Center players got an early lead over the Marvells and were leading at the half by a score of 22 to 15. The attack for the Tigers was led by Samuel Hill, the high point man with 13 points to his credit. The Marvells' team captain, who was the high point player for that team.

The starting line-up for the Tigers consisted of Oscar Pendleton and Albert Wilson, forwards; Samuel Hill and Lorne Newsome, guards; and George Thompson, center. Alan Odum replaced Pendleton in the second quarter and Horatio Lamar went in for Wilson in the first. Michael Cheatham went in for Thompson. Louie G. Evans, one of the Tigers' star players, was injured in the game and is in the hospital.

NEWSWOMAN ACE

Newsome, the captain of the Tigers, made several spectacular shots from the center of the floor to add eight points to his credit. The second STR Marvells' starting line-up was as follows: Edward Bundy and Samuel Patterson, forwards; Abel F. Hendy, center; William Rucker and Robert L. Morton, guards. Hendy was replaced by Robert Morton in the first quarter. W. K. Perry went in for Rucker and took eight days in the second quarter. Hendy was replaced by Robert Morton in the first quarter. W. K. Perry went in for Rucker and took eight days in the second quarter.

Tactical Training Value Proved In Actual Combat

"The tactical training you get before combat is no waste of time."

Staff Sgt. Bert Salles of Cincinnati, Ohio, recently assigned to Company "E" of the 4th Infantry, School Troops Brigade, after being wounded on the Maturone front in Italy, was speaking of the training he went through before battle and how it affected his conduct in combat. "It forms a base for all that you do. A good, solid base."

The more scouting and patrolling you can get in, he continued, "the better it is for you in actual combat. And whatever you do, don't forget the importance of the compass and the use of a map. There's no substitute for a good patrol leader and a good patrol."

Staff Sergeant Salles said, "The Germans really know how to use their machine-guns. And they were early in the morning during an attack along the Maturone front. He and his squad were moving up behind a low ridge. A German 88 mm shell exploded among them, killing two and wounding four. One had his leg blown off at the knee. Salles had hit the ground on his stomach. Shrapnel tore into his chest, stomach and back.

WHERE TO GO

New Year's Eve

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FIRST STOP ON RIGHT

5th Infantry 'Blitz Kids' Undeclared In Infantry School Basketball League

TPS Quint Wins Ninth Straight At Camp Rucker

The Parachute School quint won their ninth straight game of the season in defeating Camp Rucker 51 to 39 last Wednesday night on the Alabama team's home court.

Leath, Waltemath and Hess set the pace for the TPS five, contributing largely to the Troopers' half-time lead of 31 to 24.

Waltemath continued his high scoring spree with a total of 13 points for the evening, garnered via six field goals and one free throw.

Leath and Hess trailed closely with 10 points each, and Zitzmann, Camp Rucker's speedy guard, led the Alabamians with five baskets and a free throw for a total of 11 markers.

Despite the 100-mile bus-ride to Camp Rucker, the Troopers proved sharp of eye and very agile ball handlers.

EARLY LEAD

Leath and Waltemath, with three fast under-basket shots, got the Troopers off to a quick lead which was never seriously threatened throughout the contest. Hess sparked the Parachute School attack in the second half. Bickel's excellent floor work kept the Alabamians forward under wraps.

PARACHUTE SCHOOL

Leath, F.	13
Waltemath, F.	13
Hess, F.	11
Zitzmann, G.	5
Bickel, G.	1
Blask, G.	0
Total	43

CAMP RUCKER

Brown, F.	10
Harpe, F.	10
McInt, G.	10
Zimmer, G.	10
Smith, G.	0
Total	40

Santa Brings 97 Promotions To Academics

Santa Claus came to the Academic Regiment, The Infantry School, Camp Rucker, Ala., to bring brand new sets of chevrons for 97 men promoted just on time for a "Merry Christmas."

Staff Sergeant Walter M. Bridges who is now a master sergeant. Three men have been raised to each sergeant's rank. Bridges, who is now a master sergeant, was the first "rookie" as staff sergeant, 35 are now called "sergeants" and 32 "corporals" for the first time.

And Santa hasn't forgotten 20 privates who are sewing on their first stripes as privates first class. Staff Sergeant Bridges has spread the joy around quite impartially, promoting men in every company except the 4th Infantry. He had the last bonus of new stripes around Thanksgiving.

The following are the men promoted according to their new ranks:

Master Sergeant: T. Sgt. Walter M. Bridges.

Sergeant: T. Sgt. Joseph J. Durrell; T. Sgt. Leonard C. Carstens; S. Sgt. Charles H. H. Tenholder; Sgt. Leo H. Burkle; Sgt. Kenneth Whitmer; Sgt. William J. Durrell; Sgt. Charles W. Harris; Sgt. Robert C. Oberberg.

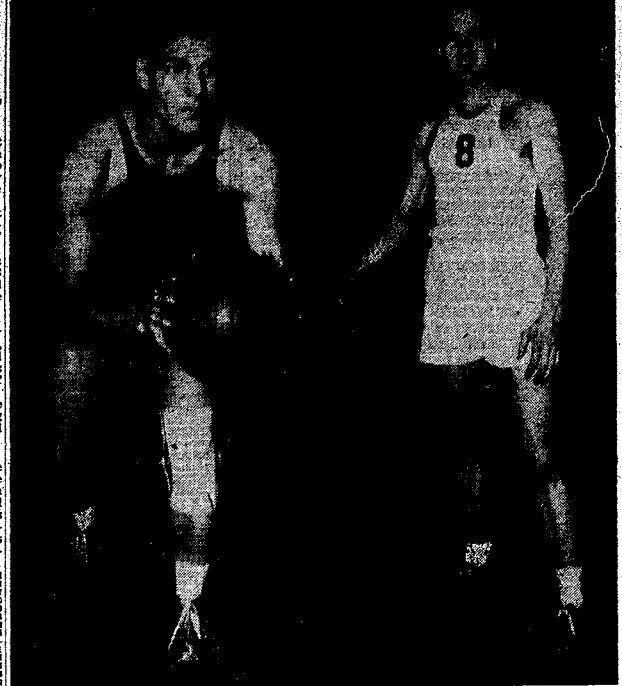
Sergeant: Cpl. Patrick J. Baldo; Cpl. Frederick A. Dehn; Cpl. Richard J. Durrell; Cpl. Edward J. Hirsch; Cpl. 4 Walter B. McCoy; Cpl. 4 Grover J. Wayne; Cpl. Cornelius V. Curtis; Cpl. William A. Schuchman; Cpl. 5 Victor H. Paulsen; Cpl. 4 Walter J. Reinhardt; Cpl. 5 Paul A. Mosiers; Cpl. 5 Alvin E. Danielson; Cpl. 5 Harold M. Scheuch; Cpl. 5 Victor H. Paulsen; Cpl. 5 Clifford Aaby; Cpl. 5 Merl A. Adams; Cpl. 5 Arthur M. Schuchman; Cpl. 5 John M. Holman; Cpl. 5 John W. Traver; Cpl. 5 John A. Jordan; Cpl. 5 Frederick W. Laner; Cpl. 5 John F. Moscoe; Cpl. 5 Fred Anderson; Cpl. 5 Edward R. Lang.

Technical 4th Grade: T. Sgt. 5 Hermann Roger; T. Sgt. 5 Stanley B. Zdzienicki; Cpl. 5 Peter H. Welch; Cpl. 5 Sidney B. Elliott; T. Sgt. 5 Sol Nodel; Cpl. 5 Joseph J. Pappi.

Corporal: T. Sgt. 5 William J. Huntley; T. Sgt. 5 Florian J. Nowicki; Pfc. 5 Edward A. Bonus; Pfc. 5 John W. Lybrand; Pfc. 5 Donald H. Simmelink; Pfc. 5 John A. Gush; Pfc. 5 Morris M. Lindum; Pfc. 5 E. Sente; Pfc. 5 Charles E. Eubanks; Pfc. 5 Marshall G. Edwards; T. Sgt. 5 Alfred A. Monahan; T. Sgt. 5 Robert J. Lang; Pfc. 5 Fred A. Maner; Pfc. 5 John T. Baggan; Pfc. 5 Clifford L. Hadley; Pfc. 5 John J. Edmonds, Jr.; Pfc. 5 Cleo J. Commers; Pfc. 5 Wesley W. Bush; Pfc. 5 John K. Koyne; Pfc. 5 Duane V. Gels; T. Sgt. 5 John P. Harris; T. Sgt. 5 Noel H. Litaler; T. Sgt. 5 Guy H. Hehlhorn; Pfc. 5 John T. Fowler; Pfc. 5 Miles G. W. Philmore; T. Sgt. 5 Anthony J. Valentini; T. Sgt. 5 John D. Williams; T. Sgt. 5 William H. Williams; Pfc. 5 Anthony J. Yondola.

Technical 5th Grade: Pfc. 5 Donavan J. Morse; Pfc. 5 Henry S. Arlosjowski; Pfc. 5 Robert H. Escamilla.

Private First Class: Pvt. 1st Noel E. Kurtz; Pvt. 1st Constantine H. Kiehlbaugh; Pvt. 1st Theodore H. Hachhausen; Pvt. 1st Michael A. Porrazzo; Pvt. 1st Robert C. McCants; Pvt. 1st Richard Z. Riviere; Pvt. 1st Constantine H. Kiehlbaugh; Pvt. 1st Joseph M. Mease; Pvt. 1st Manfredo Rodriguez; Pvt. 1st Joseph C. Saile; Pvt. 1st Bernard J. Peer; Pvt. 1st Raymond P. McKee; Pvt. 1st Stanley W. van C. Hansen.



ACE COURTMEN—Gene Vance (left) of the 4th Infantry Raiders, and Joe Loisel (right) of the Academic Regiment Profs have already impressed local court fans with their agility and finesse in TIS League competition. Vance, a former member of the famed University of Illinois 'Whiz Kids', is the playmaker and defensive star of the Raiders, while Loisel, an ex-Creighton star, is the big scoring threat of the Profs. (Official Infantry School Photo by Corp. Darwin Rogers.)

Shields Bounce 'Third,' 46 to 37

The Fifth Infantry Shields continued to remain undefeated in The Infantry School basketball league Tuesday night as they defeated the Third Infantry, 46-37, in a rough game. In other games, the Academic Regiment Profs produced a last minute rush to edge the First STR Wolves 49-47, and the Fourth Infantry Raiders rolled over the 78th Tankers 70 to 28.

The outstanding individual performance of the evening was given by L. Bear Wolves forward, who scored 23 points as his team bowed in a thriller to the Profs. Joe Loysel, former Creighton University star, scored 15 points in the second half to lead a Prof rally which cut away the Wolves' early lead. Loysel accounted for 22 points during the night.

Although the two high scoring acts, Milt Ticco and Charley Gabbianelli, were bottled up most of the night, the Fifth Infantry Shields won their fourth straight victory in defeating the Cockades. Harry Donabedian led the Cockades in the score column with 9 points.

Scoring at will all during the contest, the Fourth Infantry Raiders rolled up 70 points, highest total of the year to crush the battle Tankers, 70 to 28. Gene Vance, former University of Illinois star, took scoring honors in the game with 17 points.

Fifth Infantry (46) Pos. PG F Total

Ticco	13	10	23
Gabbianelli	10	10	20
Loysel	15	10	30
Donabedian	9	10	19
Blask	0	10	10
Total	47	50	97

Third Infantry (37) Pos. PG F Total

Loysel	15	10	30
Donabedian	9	10	19
Blask	0	10	10
Total	24	30	54

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Last Minute Goal Helps Troopers Beat Camp Rucker

A goal dropped through the hoop in the last 20 seconds of play enabled The Parachute School basketballers to pull victory from defeat over the Camp Rucker team 52-51 Tuesday night.

The Troopers were six points behind with only two minutes to go when they got their offensive rolling to score the necessary seven points to edge the Raiders. The winning goal was scored by Lt. Cauby Gunther. The Troopers promptly from the ball to check a Rucker counter-offensive in the dying seconds of the game-scoring game.

Oak Leaf Cluster Added to Silver Star By Capt. Fugate

Captain George C. Fugate of Hazelhurst, Mississippi, who graduated from The Infantry School on July 6, 1942, has been awarded an Oak Leaf Cluster to his Silver Star. His citation follows:

"On June 13, 1944, in Italy, he was a commander of a company which was the leading unit in an attack on a strategic enemy-held hill. When his two forward platoons were caught in the sweeping cross-fire of six enemy machine-guns, he unhesitatingly faced the intense fire to reach the leading element. He found his men pinned to the ground in an open field unable to move. Aware that in their present location, the life of every man was imperiled, he directed the leading unit to move toward a draw at the edge of the field. Constantly urging them on and encouraging them by his own example, he moved his men to the comparative safety of the draw, thus preventing the heavy casualties which would have resulted from remaining in the open field. He skillfully and courageously reorganized his unit during the night and led his men in taking their objective."

Beau Jack Released From GI Hospital

Beau Jack, the former lightweight boxing champion, who is stationed at Ft. Benning, was discharged from the post hospital Friday.

He had been confined to the hospital for two weeks as a result of a knee injury sustained prior to his entering the armed services.

Ticco, Gabbianelli Pace Shields to Four In Row

By SGT. JOHN T. CRONIN

Unless something happens soon, the 5th Infantry "Blitz Kids" are going to walk away with the first-half championship of The Infantry School basketball league. Undefeated in four straight games, the team appears to have too much class and scoring power for the rest of the league.

With Milt Ticco, who would be welcomed by any college coach in the country, scoring better than 18 points a game and Dan Gabbianelli, former Georgetown star, netting more than 12 points a game, the Shields have polished off their first four opponents with comparative ease with the exception of the 4th Infantry Raiders, who staged a late rally which fell five points short.

BLACKIE BACK

The recent addition of Ewell Blackwell, the elongated center, is going to make the team much stronger. In a brief appearance the other night, Blackwell scored 10 points.

A glance at the record book reveals the teams have been playing rough basketball. A total of 126 points were scored from the 10 games played to date. It's a safe guess as many more were missed.

TONIGHT'S CARD

Three games are on tonight's schedule. The Raiders will meet the 1st STR Wolves in the Main Post gym at 7:30; the Profs will try their luck against the Shields in the same gym at 9 o'clock and the 3d Infantry Cockades will travel out to the Harmony Church Arena to meet the 78th Tankers in a game scheduled to start at 10 o'clock.

In last week's games, the Shields won over the 78th Tankers, 65-35, and tipped over the Raiders, 46-41. The 3d Infantry Cockades stumbled to a 31-28 win over the Academic Regiment Profs and trounced the 1st STR Wolves, 57-37. The Raiders defeated the Profs, 44-34; the Wolves won over the Tankers, 70-28.

TICCO HOT

The individual scoring honors went to Ticco, who tallied 34 points in two games and Harry Donabedian, Cockades' star, who contributed 33 points in two games. Donabedian played less than a quarter of one game, but still managed to lead his team in the score column, something only members of the squad seem to resent.

Donabedian, by the way, is packed with scoring from the basket line. He has converted 13 points in three games. Good shooting in any league. However, Bob "Buck" "Buckers" center, shot seven free tries in a recent game with the Shields and is right on Donabedian's heels.

60th SRIC Has Hoop Team

High school stars from eight states form the line-up of the 60th Signal Radio Intelligence Company basketball team, Second Army outfit stationed in Pine Bluff, Ark. The team is looking for other quints on the post.

The Signalers, whose performers during baseball season captured the Second Army Softball Championship, have split even in two games so far this season, losing a close 23-23 tilt to the 86th Signal Battalion and winning from the Post Bakers quintet.

Hillenbrand Named On 'All-Opponent' By Gremlin Foes

The 3d Air Force Gremlins, who recently concluded their football season by defeating the 2d Air Force, selected Billy Hillenbrand, sensational title-threat back of the 3d Infantry Cockades, as the quarterback on their all-opponent team.

The Gremlins played a tough schedule, meeting such teams as Randolph Field, Iowa Pre-Flight, Fort Pierce and other top notch clubs. They licked the Cockades, 22-0. "Why didn't they close the book on us? . . . Oh, well, the only ones we feel sorry for are the thoroughbreds, whose sole desire to fight close when on the tracks, for they are bred to RUN!"

TO-MORROW
HOW HAPPY I WILL BE
TO-MORROW!

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Author Extols Moral Value of Comic Strips

By C. L. LOUIS D. RUBIN, JR. These comic books I wrote, Irv said, because they had such a large circulation that I knew that not just children could be responsible for their popularity. My answer came in the jungles of Panama, when I happened to see a brigadier general, resting comfortably in a deep armchair, reading a copy of Superman. Now I know.

Irv ought to know since the 31-year-old New Yorker has written more than 100 comic books and has also authored many of the "True Comic" features put out by the Parents Institute of America, and is well acquainted with the business.

"Many people say that comic books, with their super heroes, strong characters, and children are influenced by this," Irv says, "but I think the opposite is true. The comic book super hero doesn't make laws by himself. He always adheres to the existing laws, and supports them. He fosters the idea of patriotism and loyalty, and he attacks the evil element in society. There's nothing harmful in this."

HIS BRAIN CHILDREN

Werstein in civilian life wrote many famous strips. The "Blue Bolt," drawn by George Mandel, "Huron," drawn by Carl Burgos, "Sub-Mariner," drawn by Dick Everett, "Target and the Targeteer," drawn by Sid Green, "The Coder," "Starobell," "The Angel," "The Vision," all were written by Werstein, who drew up the plots and then gave them to the artists to draw. He wrote for "Funnies, Incorporated," which was supervised by Floyd Jacobson, which produced all those strips and many more.

"I found the work very interesting," Irv states, "like all other forms of writing, they take much time, thought, and effort. They are not easy to do. The story has to be interesting and must be presented in a vivid manner. The pace of action throughout the strip must be very swift. It is a good deal similar to the old movie serial."

Emphasis in each of the strips, Irv says, centers around a strong theme, meaning villain, and a series of climaxes throughout the strip. In each adventure, the hero after a series of ups and downs becomes the victor in the struggle by the use of special powers.

SUPERHUMAN POWERS

Werstein's characters all had superhuman powers, ranging from the "Human Torch" who could upon occasion turn into flame and burn balls of fire at his foe to the Blue Bolt, who did practically everything better than anybody else.

Werstein always amused me to watch the devious manner in which the writers of comic strips managed to get their heroes into trouble. These super heroes, who were attacked from the front, but of course there had to be some way in which they could be knocked down, so in all of the strips the hero is always hit over the head from behind, whenever he is knocked out," Werstein says.

There also was a series of taboos in the trade, Irv says. The hero never kills anyone. He often causes them to die of their own machinations, but he never kills anybody. Anybody that is, except Japs and Germans. These men are killed by the hero. Then there may be a girl in the plot, but the sex angle is always played down. There can be no mention of liquor or narcotics except when used by the villains. Then it's okay.

HERE TO STAY

Werstein believes that "comic books are here to stay." "They have a definite future in the fields of visual education and in popularization of the world's great literature. They'll never replace literature, but rather they'll supplement and popularize it. I think they can be used to great advantage."

Werstein has been in the service for 32 months, and before that he wrote comic books and did newspaper work in New York City. He spent 13 months in Panama.

"I always wondered who read

Trooper Took D-Day Jump

"For nine months we had been taking advanced training in jumping and invasion tactics. For nine months we had been waiting for 'D' day with an impatience that kept growing and mounting as the months passed. Then we got the alert order. And we couldn't believe the day had come. I kept repeating to myself: This is it! But, somehow it seemed as if this were just another rehearsal."

"A few hours later, I knew better. The reception the Nazis gave us was terrible, a prototype of the final assault. There was no doubt about it any longer in my mind. We were invading France at last—and the greatest kick I have had in my life."

The speaker is Staff Sgt. Richard B. Dinger, son of Monroe Dinger of Kittanning, Pa. Now a line sergeant at The Parachute School, Sergeant Dinger joined the National Guards in February, 1944, which at that time, was federalized. A year and a half later, he volunteered for the paratroopers, and was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division in September, 1942. A year after that, he was sent overseas, and began preparing for the invasion of Europe.

"We jumped at St. Mere Eglise in Normandy to secure a way for the infantry at the beachhead. Unfortunately, I was separated from my outfit, but I was not idle. For three days, I fought with another unit until I was able to rejoin my buddies. The fighting was severe. In Carantan I was wounded, and on July 1, 1944, I returned to the states."

As an instructor at the Second Parachute Training Regiment at The Parachute School, Sergeant Dinger is now giving novice troopers the benefit of his jumping and combat experience in the greatest military operation in his lifetime.

HOSPITAL—

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sure to get Brooder house, they call it, but a brooder house actually costs real money. Determination again plays its part and those same builders start on the job of construction. This certainly is contrary to all laws of the experts, but in reality it works. This statement is proven by the fact that to date 684 chicks have passed through these brooders with a loss of less than 3 per cent. The chicken experts tell us that a 5 per cent loss is considered excellent, and a 10 per cent loss good. So as the chicks become three weeks old, the brooder is moved to the second compartment of the house until a cycle is complete and four compartments are filled. This becomes a continuous process as the "birds" reaching the last compartment are for the "kill." So far there has been no "kill," but the time is drawing near when the chickens in No. 4 compartment will be out and in the trying pangs of the hospital mess.

GENERAL PERSHING II?

He aspires to be General Pershing some day. Of course, he's only 17. William R. Pershing in the 4th Armored Division's 88th Cavalary Reconnaissance Squadron at Camp Polk, but a guy can hope, can't he? Anyway, he's related to Gen. John J. Pershing's father, William Sanson Pershing was a first cousin of General Pershing's. The great-grandfather, the late Mrs. Elizabeth Pershing Bracken, was also a cousin.

A "Brooder's" theme song: "I'll be seeing you in all the old familiar places."

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS FOR BENNING SOLDIERS—Here is just one of the many freight-car loads of Christmas packages and mail for Fort Benning soldiers being unloaded by Army Post Office personnel under the direction of Captain O'Connell (extreme left), Fort Benning postal officer. To the right of Captain O'Connell is F. N. Green, Columbus railway station master, who directed routing of cars downtown for the haul to Fort Benning. (U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo.)

SANTA—

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They also lauded the work of F. N. Green, station master of the Columbus railway terminal, who directed the handling of the Christmas mail to Fort Benning. To facilitate handling of the mail to Fort Benning, most of the packages were routed by way of Atlanta. Additional mail, but in smaller quantities came into Columbus by other routes.

The Army Post Office also cooperated with the Columbus post office in handling Christmas packages by supplying 14 Army trucks and drivers for the delivery of the packages to residences, thousands of which are inhabited by Army personnel stationed at Fort Benning.

TROOPER—

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graduated from OCS, Ft. Benning last month.

JUST FOR THE RIDE

Sergeant Serrano found himself with three Yugoslav headgear for an Italian Partisan unit. Serrano went along "for the ride." After being questioned and observed for several days, he was permitted to join the unit. A detailed account of ten months' work with the Partisans appeared in the September 1 issue of the Bayonet.

After rejoining his old outfit, the 509th Parachute Infantry Battalion, in Rome, 14th of July, Serrano was told he was permitted to go home on a 21-day furlough. He hadn't heard from his family in 27 months and it took him two days to find them in the new home. He learned of his girl's marriage the first night at home. Serrano met her. Navy husband and wife told him to admit that "he is a pretty swell guy."

Asked his opinion regarding the "Brooder" remark about Brooklyn boys, the sergeant displayed his membership card in the Society for the Prevention of Disparaging Remarks about Brooklyn, signed by President Sidney H. Ascher and carrying the endorsement of the "We love people who love Brooklyn."

"Is that the answer you wanted?" he asked.

He fumbled over, Serrano reported to the Army Ground Forces Rehabilitation Center at Lake Placid, N. Y., where he received 28 months back pay.

Sergeant Serrano, at the moment, is attached to Co. "B," 1st Parachute Training Regiment, The Parachute School, awaiting assignment. It is quite possible that he will remain in The Parachute School as an instructor in "D" stage jump training.

In addition to the Purple Heart, the sergeant wears the Good Conduct Medal, the Infantry Combat Badge, the North African campaign ribbon, the Presidential Unit Citation ribbon awarded him for his services in Tunisia by General De Gaulle. He is the sergeant glad to be back in the Parachute School. Let him tell you: "Boy, it is good to hear a good old Southern accent again. I've been in France and England for two years almost drove me batty."

A tramp was arrested for vagrancy and thrown in the local klink.

Paras the day before Christmas and the Salvation Army had offered free baths for all inmates. The tramp was reluctant, but after he had been told to peel off his clothes. Ten minutes later he was down to his heavy underwear, and the to surprise he had a red sweater under his bald head, he muttered to the jailer: "I'd a sworn I lost that sweater last February."

With two bare hands, I'd like to choke.

And gladly, too, the bore, Who reads this column, and then remarks: I've read those gags before.

Raider Describes 'The German Look'

Pfc. George F. Kaufmes, of Company H, 4th Infantry, School Troops Brigade, should know Germany by personal experience for he spent approximately nine months in Nazi land from 1937 to the spring of 1937.

Born of Rumanian parents in Chicago, George left his birthplace in July, 1925, at the age of six, and journeyed with his mother and sister to Rumania for the purpose of settling a family inheritance. The Kaufmes family lived in Rumania for a period of 12 years during which time George visited several Balkan countries. He traveled to Germany in the fall of 1937 to attend Technical University, a famous old school of engineering in Germany.

Although his studies occupied a major portion of his spare time, George had the opportunity to observe a changing Germany under Hitler. When the Hitler Youth Movement was still struggling in the early stages in Germany and in the Balkans, he was invited to join.

"I couldn't see it," George related. "I didn't like the idea of indoctrinating my youth to what even then was too military a routine. Those Germans really went for that sort of thing, but I wanted to live by my own rules."

Concerning life in Germany in that time, George described humorously what was called by

Poor Mess (1875) Direct Cause For Desertions in 4th

Mess kits a new thing? There was a time when they were. There was a time when each company had to furnish its own mess equipment as best it could. When mess funds were low, the equipment was in poor shape.

That was back in 1875. It was in that year that Capt. William Powell, commanding officer of Company "G" of the 4th Infantry (an outfit now of the School Troops Brigade) struck on the bright, new idea of the companies being furnished with mess kits instead of the necessity of purchasing them through the individual company funds.

Following are excerpts from the letter that Capt. Powell addressed to the Secretary of War, who was then William W. Belknap, serving under President U. Grant, a former member of the old Fourth. The letter was sent from Fort Sanders in the Washington Territory.

"Sir, in view of the fact that a large proportion of the fund accumulated by companies from the savings of their rations is now expended in the purchase of mess kits, I have the honor to request, should it meet with your favorable consideration, that you would recommend to Congress the purchase of an act authorizing the furnishing of mess kits to the Army, said to be involved to company and detachment commanders, to be taken up on their returns, and accounted for in the same manner as other company property."

The company mess," concluded Captain Powell's letter, "is in my opinion, one of the grand causes of desertion in the Army, whatever can be done to improve it, and in my belief, reduce the ratio of loss and correspondingly the expense attending such loss."

There is no indication of just what the results were. Whether any action was taken or not is not recorded, but the captain had a good idea.

A young lady oyster had just returned from her first date with a lobster and was telling her oyster girl friend about it.

"He was simply marvelous," she said. "First he looked deep into my eyes. Then he took my hand. Then he put his arms around me. Then he—"

Suddenly she stopped and a look of startled dismay came into her eyes. She opened her throat and screamed:

"Migawd—my pearls!"

One of the 400 decided to visit the grammar school her son attended. The principal was out, and one of the schoolboys offered assistance.

"I wish to see my son, the Honorable Archibald Fitzhugh, Franklin de Merryweather, the Third."

"O. K., lady," replied the boy, "we'll have to send for him. Say, Red, go tell pickle-puss his old lady is here."

Service Co., 4th Inf., Has Vets From All Fronts

The ranks of Service Company, Fourth Infantry, now claim representatives from about every theater of operation. Pfc. Eugene V. Barnes spent 21 months in the Pacific theater, and he has served in New Zealand and the Fiji Islands.

Master Sgt. Edward J. Lamoreaux and Tech-5 Lawrence W. Houghton got into this war right from the start—Pearl Harbor. They were both stationed at Schofield Barracks in Honolulu when the enemy struck. Since that time they've both seen service in the Southwest Pacific—Goodenough Island and Hollandia invasions. He wears the Bronze Star for the Pearl Harbor battle. Houghton has also seen service in the Pacific. He spent 21 months overseas and wears two bronze stars, one for the New Guinea action.

Two vets from the ETO are Tech-4 Frank Halverson and Pfc. Percy B. Tulley. Halverson wears the Combat Infantryman Badge and has been in action in North Africa. He fought in the Battle of Oran and the Tunisian campaign. Tulley also has seen his share of action: He served in North Africa in the Tunisian campaign, in the Sicilian and the Italian campaigns.

Tech-4 Howard J. Snow, Pfc. Dave Kennedy and Pvt. John Cantone hall from the Alaskan theater. Snow served at Kodiak and Amchitka, where he underwent Jap air attacks. He has served 28 months overseas. Kennedy and Cantone spent 20 months in Alaska and the Aleutians.

Bambino Attached Self To Tough Doughboy

One of the new arrivals from overseas to Company H, 4th Infantry is Ross Reed, who brings a different tale from the midst of an inevitable closeness of war.

Ross went to war from the small, quiet town of Glen, La. He has a family of five, seven brothers and his mother and father. Around that country he worked as a mechanic's helper until he came into the Army in August of 1942. He is a slim fellow with blue eyes and a quiet smile like a philosopher. He has a gentle way about him.

When his company was fighting in the shadow of Rome and his platoon bivouaced north of the city, he was far from an Italian farm house. From this house came a little seven-year-old fellow. Ross gave him something to eat, and when the others tried to chase him away, Ross would hide him.

The little fellow became attached to this American, and he demonstrated his friendship by bringing cactus pears for Ross and his friends. When they were all resting, Ross would teach the little guy some old songs that he knew. One was "A Southern Speckled Bird." Another that Ross remembers is "Bye-Bye Sweetheart," a song that he used to sing in school. And the little fellow learned them too. Every time he came down to the bivouac area, he would bring some cactus pears to Ross.

They became great friends. One morning, Ross and his outfit had to leave. They marched off down the road. The little fellow followed Ross, pulling at his pants leg, asking him not to leave, crying like the whole world was crumbling. Ross had to tell him to go back. Finally he turned and headed for the farmhouse. Ross never saw him again.

Ross Reed's life in Italy was by no means a continuous round of exchanging pleasantries with the hospitable natives. On the front lines, his company sliced a factory building, set up their weapons. Ross was at a machine gun. Shells crashed and he was knocked off his feet. He crawled under him, but deep into the thigh of his left leg. His whole leg went numb, a fragment having slashed his leg. There was no stopping the blood completely. He began crawling toward an aid station far to the rear. The night was icy cold. All I could think of was the damn cold," he related.

For four continuous hours he crawled through a night, reverberating with exploding shells and whistling bullets.

Finally at 6:30 in the morning he was taken to the rear. The next day, he was sent to the hospital, undergoing treatment lasting over a month and a half. And the little fellow learned them too. Every time he came down to the bivouac area, he would bring some cactus pears to Ross.

TPS Cadreman Was Once China Guerrilla

Recent Japanese successes in China have full meaning for Corporal Lee Kut, cadreman at the Parachute School, one-time member of the quickly formed Chinese guerrilla bands which fought desperately to stave Japanese aggression in Southern China in 1937. Mention of Canton Province in late news releases embitters him. For not only was Canton his birthplace, but he fought there in the historic defense of the first Chinese National Government. It was the scene of his education and marriage.

A member of the 37th Infantry Regiment, Corporal Kut recalls the day of his education in the guerrilla warfare took at Fort Benning. Serving with that unit in Alaska, he was stationed at Dutch Harbor and later in Adak. His latest return to the States was only a few months ago.

Shortly afterwards, he became a member of the 37th Infantry Regiment, only recently arrived at Fort Benning. Serving with that unit in Alaska, he was stationed at Dutch Harbor and later in Adak. His latest return to the States was only a few months ago.

Col. Lee Kut knows, with quiet confidence, that the paratroopers he helps to train at Benning finish the job he began almost six years ago.

The Japanese airforce, unopposed, flew over the city, Kut said, and dropped bombs and incendiaries. He and his small group dug the final defensive positions on the south side of the Pearl river in Canton, even as the enemy planes flew so low that their pilots could be seen, grinning. His only defense was to hug the ground and feign death.

Through his field glasses, he saw the citizens of Canton, some with their household goods on their backs, others carrying their young or feeble, start the long westward journey "to Kiuming," in the Kwangsi Province. It was a heartbreaking scene; from his position on the river bank no detail escaped him, nor has he forgotten the slightest event.

Lee's parents had brought him to America as a lad; he was educated in Oregon, through grammar school and high school in Portland, Ore., and later graduated from school in New Orleans, La., where his father had established himself as an importer.

It was a girl who brought about Kut's second return to his homeland. Soon after his graduation from high school, he returned to China to marry a childhood sweetheart. Remaining there for nine years, he attended Kungyick Intermediate School, a junior college, and the Ping Yang Military Academy. Later, he attended three semesters at the Canton Christian College, but left to return to America upon his father's importing firm.

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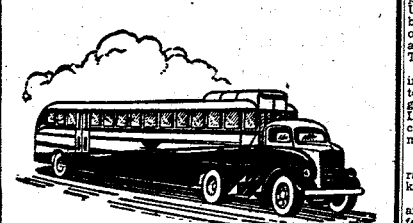
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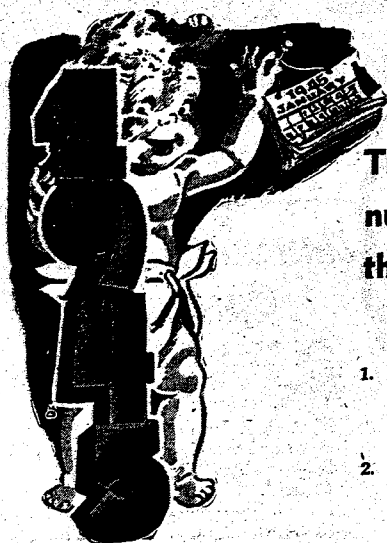
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Tanks Persuade Nazi Captors To Surrender

Cpl. Curtis G. Willoughby, Headquarters Company, First Student Training Regiment, The Infantry School, recently returned from overseas through the rotation plan with service to his credit in Africa, Sicily, and Italy. He wears the European Army Middle Eastern ribbon with three battle stars.

Along side this, he has the ribbon for the Purple Heart for wounds received on the Anzio Beachhead when he landed with his outfit the 15th Infantry of the Third Infantry Division. The Third Division has more landings on the beachhead than any other outfit. It made landings at French Morocco, Tunisia, Sicily, Italy and Southern France.

Corporal Willoughby relates the following incident took place on the Anzio beachhead. A platoon had been cut off from the American lines for a couple of days and had holed up in an abandoned farm house. Here, resting and waiting, they were suddenly surprised by four Germans with machine pistols and were captured. The Germans now were cut off from their lines so they proceeded to give the Americans some food—mainly pickles and bread—and ate some themselves. The next morning the Germans felt they could get back to their own lines so marching the prisoners down the road they headed for the German line. Then

over the hill came two American tanks bearing down on them. Quickly the Germans handed their weapons over to the Americans telling them "We are your prisoners now."

Another incident that took place on the Anzio beachhead that Cpl. Willoughby recalls was the time when a lieutenant and private acting as forward artillery observers, were captured. They had been in a farm house over night watching from the upper window the effect of the artillery fire. It was a cold night and the two soldiers had wrapped their blankets around their shoulders to keep warm. A lone Jerry had sneaked up and surprised them and without searching them had ordered them to walk ahead of him as he attempted to take them back to the German line. When they got on the highway the lieutenant suddenly yelled to the private "duck," then whistling and drawing his side arm hidden till this time by the blanket he fired point blank at the Germans.

"There are many incidents like these," said Corporal Willoughby, "and I think they show very clearly why we are winning. Especially the last one I told you about. We just naturally think faster than the Germans. We are trained to think, they are trained to obey. It makes a lot of difference I think."

Anzio Beachhead Vets Heap Praise on Medics

"You just can't give those Medics enough credit. You just can't do it. There they are—they go right along with us, no gun, nothing. The bullets whistle around 'em, but they keep going. You just can't give 'em enough credit for the job they're doing." The speaker is Louis Annarone, Co. G, Fourth Infantry, Anzio beachhead veteran.

His unit hit Anzio in March of '44. It was there that an 88 shell, labeled with his rank and serial number, found him.

It was 7 o'clock in the evening, the end of a clear Italian day. The next day, the men had been told, would be the start of a drive. They were getting their equipment ready, and putting the rifles into shape while sitting around a foxhole. Two of his buddies were in the hole, three sat around the outside.

Suddenly Louis saw the two men in the hole duck down, the two others hit the ground. A little later from the incessant pounding of the 88s and mortar shells he didn't hear the shell coming. He realized what was happening and flung himself flat. The 88 dropped in, fragments came, and scooted through the air, there was the echoing and re-echoing of the burst. Dust rose up in swirls.

There was a heavy, nasty sting to it. The Medics were there in a moment. They bandaged it, asked him if there was anything wrong. Sitting cross-legged on the ground, he shook his head. No, that was the only place they had gotten him.

Then suddenly he began gasping for breath, it came in short heaves and blood ran down from his shirt. A medic tore it off. There was a long deep gash in his shoulder where the steel had ripped home. Soon he was sitting calmly, four stitches in his shoulder. The Medics had done another job.

Then there was John Schille of Company of the Fourth Infantry who was winged by a German machine-gun at Cassino. He is very enthusiastic in his praise for the Medical Corpsmen. They ought to be awarded some sort of extra honor—possibly a badge similar to our Combat Infantryman Badge.

"I used to call them 'pill-rollers,'" said another combat vet just returned from battle. "But no more. I've seen them in action. The expressions of gratitude and praise for the Medics goes on and on—endlessly."

All of the many battle veterans of the Fourth are agreed on one point. Not enough credit is given to the lowly medical corpsman for the courageous and dangerous job which he performs.

"The situation of the Medic in battle is more difficult one than the Infantryman's, for he goes into the fight weaponless. He braves

enemy artillery as well as the enemy small arms fire with no protection in order to administer aid, which is one of the most important factors in the saving of a GI life."

It has been suggested time and again by veterans of battle—men who know what a superb the Medic has done—that the men should be recognized in some way for their services—Combat Medical Corpsman Badge, perhaps.

Christenberry Wins L.M. Medal

Announcement of the award of the Legion of Merit to Colonel Charles W. Christenberry, New York City, a former Infantry School instructor, was made in recognition of "exceptionally meritorious and distinguished performance of outstanding services in North Africa from 22 April 1943 to 10 June 1944."

Colonel Christenberry is Chief of Staff of one of the major commands in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations, the 1st Army. He is a member of the staff of the 1st Army, and is also a member of the staff of the 1st Army.

Colonel Christenberry entered the regular Army from civil life in 1918 after serving in World War I, and was assigned to the War Department in 1920. He helped formulate policies on military law.

He later attended the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Ga. He was graduated in 1925. From 1925 to 1927 the Colonel was an instructor at the Infantry School, and later at the Infantry School, Fort Benning, Ga.

Colonel Christenberry was assigned to New York University as Assistant Professor of Military Science and Tactics. In 1931 he returned to the Army and was assigned to his regular duties, the Colonel taught military law, history and coached college tennis. This tour of duty lasted six years.

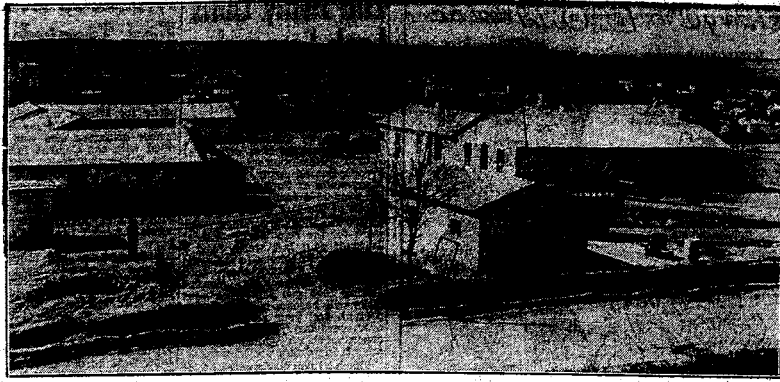
In 1935 he returned to the War Department as head of the Publications Department in the office of the Adjutant General. Then a major, Colonel Christenberry was the first officer to occupy the rank of full colonel to occupy this important post.

In 1939 he became the Adjutant General of the Philippine Department and served in this assignment until September, 1941, when he was ordered back to the United States as Adjutant General of the Fifth Army Corps, then at Fort Beauregard, Louisiana. Shortly after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, this Corps arrived in North Ireland, the first major U.S. organization in that country.

Colonel Christenberry was selected as the Adjutant General and G-1 of the Eastern Assault Force which made the invasion of North Africa at Algiers in November, 1942. After the invasion he was the Senior Administrative Officer in charge of American Personnel Affairs with the British First Army for the Tunisian campaign. After the completion of this campaign, Colonel Christenberry commanded the 1st Army's replacement installation from April, 1943, to June, 1944, for which he received his decoration.

Colonel Christenberry attended Texas Christian University for three years, 1914-1917. At Texas Christian he was catcher, outfielder and manager of the college baseball team.

Mrs. Christenberry, under the



U. S. AIRMEN BUILD THEIR OWN VILLAGE—At a 15th Air Force heavy bomber base in Italy ingenious GIs resolved to "winterize" against the cold, rain and mud that hampered life in their tents. Building blocks of tufts stone were obtained at a few cents apiece, transportation was available, salvage material was

abundant and there was no man power shortage inasmuch as architects, builders and decorators were concerned. They went to work with a will during off-duty hours and this town is the result. The investment in their villas ran from \$30 for a one-room house to \$200 for a six-room affair.



ALL THE COMFORTS OF HOME—Nearly all the villas have open fireplaces which provide cheery surroundings for the airmen during long winter evenings. Bomb packing cases furnish material for bureaus, chests, stands and chairs. Used bomb racks are footstools.

'Veteran' to Seek Veritable Utopia After Discharge

Private Jim Slicker, 21-year-old "oldtimer" of Company C, 4th Infantry Regiment, The Infantry School, left Fort Benning last week for Fort Lewis, Washington, where he will receive a discharge. He intends to go to watchmaking school near his home in Salem, Ore.

Slicker enlisted in 1939 when he was sixteen and served a year with the Coast Artillery before joining the 4th Infantry.

Concerning a statement for the press on his departure, Slicker laughed, and answered: "Well, after I spend about two months vacation in the mountains or at some swanky beach resort in California, during which time I will imbibe avidly of all the pleasures which have been so long denied me, I may gradually ease my way into a job—say, at some defense plant where there is no quarrel duty, no KP, no mud-diving sergeants, no bugle, and where a man can take more than one night to go through my pay check."

After going through my pay check, I will go through my surplus allowances in that manner. I will settle down. Probably I'll like to take a vacation in the mountains or at some swanky beach resort in California, during which time I will imbibe avidly of all the pleasures which have been so long denied me, I may gradually ease my way into a job—say, at some defense plant where there is no quarrel duty, no KP, no mud-diving sergeants, no bugle, and where a man can take more than one night to go through my pay check."

Ala. Troopers Cheer Direct Bus Service

Music and cheers, with all the trimmings of a momentous event, rang out in the Alabama area Saturday afternoon as troops of the Second Parachute Training Center, Fort Benning, Ga., celebrated the inauguration of a new bus schedule, direct to Phenix City, was inaugurated, eliminating what heretofore has been a bottle-neck in transportation.

Quick and efficient transportation from the Alabama area to Phenix City and Columbus has long been the hope of the men in the 2nd Parachute Training Center. They now have their own "line" and the buses will not make the trip via the Main Post, but go direct to the Phenix City end of the Dillingham street bridge, where an "Alabama Station" is being established. Only troops returning to Alabama will board the buses for the return trip.

WHITE TAP LINE The ceremonies inaugurating the new schedule Saturday were informal, but there were some flourishes just the same. The Parachute School Band playing lively tunes, and a white tape was stretched across the road in front of the Main Post for the first bus in line to break as it pulled away on the initial trip.

Colonel George Van Horn professional name of Diane Dering, gained prominence as a concert singer on stage and radio. She has appeared as guest soloist with the United States Navy Band over a nationwide radio network. A son, Cadet Charles W. Christenberry, Jr., is in his third year at the United States Military Academy at West Point, N. Y.

Something New In Orientation

Something new in Orientation Centers has been devised out in Tent City, where the 388th Ordnance Medium Automotive Maintenance Company, Second Army unit stationed there, has assembled what they call the "Orientation."

The "Orientation," a pyramid-shaped low-wail tent, is a complete Orientation center under canvas, boasting all the features of much larger units. Designed by First Sergeant Andrew H. Marks of the 388th, it skillfully combines all the requirements laid down for Orientation centers, and has been commended by the Information and Education Division of Fourth Headquarters, Special Troops, Second Army, whose supervision the 388th falls.

Large maps of every theater of operations are mounted inside the tent, with colored pins and ribbons to indicate the progress of the fighting, and other displays in which the 388th has excelled.

They realized the subs were German. They dropped 20 to 30 depth charges over the spot and they must have gotten them.

Cunningham arrived in Brooklyn on June 9, and after a 23-day stay at home he went down to North Carolina, serving at Camp Butler, Camp Davis, and at Camp Stewart, Georgia, where he stayed until recently when he joined the 8th Signal Operations Battalion here. He left that organization several weeks ago to join the Casuals.

"I saw my share of the fighting," Cunningham says, "and now I'm glad to get home, whenever I'm discharged." He was married to Marguerite Gibbons on October 4, 1941.

For a half-year this process continued. The Americans used 90 mm. guns to keep the Germans up high. Whenever the Nazis sent over dive bombers, the 90 mm's could break up their bomb runs by a near burst, which would throw them off target. 40 mm. guns were used, with deadly accuracy, against medium altitude planes, and when they came in low, the 30-caliber machine guns were used. German losses were quite heavy, and at that stage of the game they couldn't be replaced.

Cunningham had one narrow escape during this period. In 1942 he was in the 1st Army in Naples on business, and the Germans raided a nearby town. "I stayed out to watch, like a dog," he says, "and when they came to work on Naples I was caught out in it. I was walking along when a big piece of 80 mm. fell only a few feet from me, taking a big piece out of the concrete on which I was walking. If that had been a couple of feet nearer me, I'd never be here now!"

In April, 1944, the 505th moved up behind Cassia, near Cassino, in readiness for the big push against the Hitler Line. The 505th was in the Fifth and Eighth armies. For a few days Cunningham was in the range of shell fire, and then he transferred back to Naples in a replacement pool, under the rotation system, from where he was sent back to the United States.

MORE TROUBLE But his troubles weren't over. The convoy set out in the first days of June for New York, and several days later, at 2:30 one morning, a destroyer started blinking its light, and quarters was sounded. "It seems that they can into several subs lying on the surface of the ocean evidently charging their batteries," Cunningham relates, "and when they got no signal from the bibles, and the subs started to submerge,

the tent stress the six objectives of Orientation: "Know Your Enemy," "Know Your Allies," "Know Why We Fight," "Know and Have Faith in the United States and Its Future," "Know the News and Its Significance," and "Know and Have Pride in Our Country."

Chairs and tables are provided for the use of men who want to write letters, and magazines and booklets about Current Events are displayed. Under the direction of Lieutenant Robert E. Stebbins, all personnel receive Orientation instruction each week.

WILL NOW ANNOUNCE SHORTAGE OF CIGARETS NEW YORK, N. Y. (ALNS)—Just as it cigar smokers hadn't discovered that there was a shortage even before the fog smokers got something to beef about when the "No cigarettes" sign began to appear over the tobacco counters that had long been filled with empty cigar boxes, the Cigarette of America announces it will buy advertising space to account cigar smokers with the shortage. The explanation will be that 91,000,000 cigars have been going each month to the armed forces.

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Christmas is gone for another year but most of us are thinking about New Year's celebrations which will round out the festivities of Christmas.

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8 Inseparables Back In Parachute School

Graduates of the same jump training back in March, 1942, and battalion, 503rd Parachute Regiment in the South Pacific for 28 months, eight troopers have returned to the scene of their early training—"which seems a life time ago"—and are still soldiering together in Co "S" 1st Parachute Training Regiment, The Parachute School, where they are waiting reassignment.

Squad Sergeants William C. Jackson, James M. Stokes, and William Osterhau, Sergeant Fredrick R. Pfeiffer, Technician Grade IV Raymond Godes and Glendon McCullough, Privates, First Class, Richard B. Owen and Robert Vanderwolf are the eight overseas veterans who have returned to the locale of their first jump, and are mighty glad to be back.

182 U. S. YULE IN 1 YEARS

Monday they celebrated their first Christmas in the States in three years. Sgt. Jackson, who acted as spokesman for the group, said, "Brother, if you don't think that was a wonderful feeling, just ask anyone who has spent Christmas in a fox hole overseas. There is nothing like Christmas in your own country."

The men were reluctant to admit of their combat experiences. Too many of their buddies didn't come back. However, Sgt. Jackson, with Sgt. Stokes and Sgt. Osterhau helping to fill out the picture, did describe a jump made at Lae, New Guinea.

Sgt. Jackson was Platoon Sergeant of a machine gun company and the other seven were in a rifle company. Their battalion jumped with full combat equipment and rations for six days into a valley just outside Lae. Accompanying the American paratroopers were 50 Australians making their first combat jump.

PRaises Aussies

"Those Aussies sure have what it takes," commented Sgt. Stokes. "There we were about to jump into the middle of a large force of Japs, and these Aussies were cracking jokes about their last furlough in Sydney. They were plenty good when they hit the ground, too."

The troopers mission was to take over an airfield, reconnoiter the landing strip and hold the field until planes arrived with reinforcements.

"The mission was accomplished successfully," said Sgt. Jackson, and when we made contact with our ground forces we cleared Lae of the Japs."

That was all the troopers wanted to say about New Guinea or other South Pacific Islands where their GI travels had taken them. Wearers of the Purple Heart aren't long on talking.

"It's going to be swell to be back in the States for New Year's Eve," said Sgt. Osterhau. "It's

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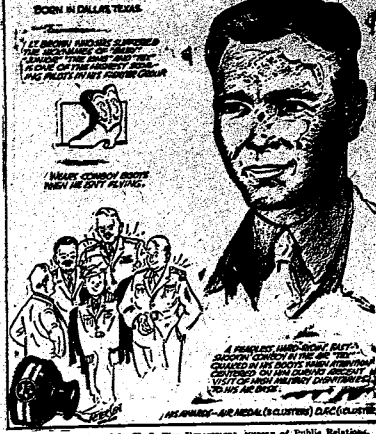
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Army Announces National Art Contest for Soldiers

For the purpose of stimulation and awareness of the value of art and crafts as one of the significant leisure time activities in the Army today and to acknowledge creative talents within the Army, a nationwide Army art contest is announced by the War Department. Suitable awards will be given the prize winners.

The winning entries are to be exhibited at the National Gallery of Art in Washington from July 4 to August 15, 1945.

Within the 48 Service Commands, various installations through the post special service troops with the deadline set for officers, will have their own contests with the deadline set for February 29. Winning entries of such installations, including Fort Benning, will be sent to Fourth Service Command then be forwarded to Washington to arrive on or before June 1. A total of 30 entries from this service command will be sent to Washington to arrive on or before June 1.

The contest will be held in three groups: Group 1, Painting, Sculpture, and Group 2, Water Colors and Drawings. The contest will be held in three groups: Group 1, Painting, Sculpture, and Group 2, Water Colors and Drawings. The contest will be held in three groups: Group 1, Painting, Sculpture, and Group 2, Water Colors and Drawings.

2nd Army Units Stress EMIC

The EMIC, or Emergency Materiel and Inflation Control, Program has been stressed among Second Army units at Fort Benning, under the direction of the Information and Education Division of Fourth Headquarters, Second Army, according to Major Neil R. Maxey, Information and Education Officer.

T. Sgt. Neil M. McQuail, Information and Education NCO for Fourth Headquarters, has prepared a directive on the subject to be issued to all Second Army troops at Fort Benning, and Commanding Officer of Fourth Headquarters, Second Army, has expressed a desire that the provisions of the plan, which offers maternity care for the wives of all enlisted men of the grade of Sergeant or below, be brought to the attention of all troops under his command.

Sgt. McQuail attended the recent lectures by Dr. Katherine F. Lennox, chief of the Children's Bureau of the United States Department of Labor, and Dr. E. R. Watson, Georgia state health officer, and he has conferred with Mrs. Ciella Reeves Collins, who volunteered her assistance in the Second Army program, and who presented Sgt. McQuail with a copy of her book, "The Army Woman's Handbook," which contains much information of value to those who are interested in the EMIC plan.

New Steno: "Well, at last I've got a raise in salary." Elsie: "Honestly?" N. S.: "Oh, don't be so inquisitive!" —Camp Bowie (Tex.) Blade.

It is pointed out that in the case of entries, no liability or responsibility is assumed by the Army for loss or damage relative to any entry submitted.

Within the classes stated above, no limit is placed on the subject matter of the entries. Awards will be made on the basis of merit with originality, ingenuity, and craftsmanship being the primary standards of judging.

OVERSEAS TRAINING FOR LIFE BACK HOME

NEW YORK, N. Y. (ALNS)—Because it will take some time for the return of troops to Europe at the conclusion of the war, the Army is planning to give the armed forces there an opportunity to better prepare themselves for civilian careers. The War Department will establish vocational and educational courses that can be taken by men delayed in Europe by shortage of shipping facilities, required to transport needed supplies and troops to the Pacific theater, declared Col. Lawrence Westbrook of the War Department's planning division in an appearance before the American Management Association, meeting here.

used to trot down to the Main entrance every day and climb in a vehicle, thereupon refusing all overtures to get out and permit the driver to enter, has departed, and the 388th Central Postal Directory is now in the hands of the Army.

However, they'd settle for a puppy, if anybody has one! end of the mule, and received a terrific kick which left him in a daze for several hours.

2nd Army Units Look Forward To New Year

Keynoted by a message for the New Year by Colonel Ernest A. Tabacco, commanding officer of Fourth Headquarters, Special Troops, Second Army, the Second Army units at Fort Benning face the year 1945 ready for and conscious of the task ahead of them.

"We are about to commence our work for the New Year," Colonel Tabacco said last week, "and I should like to convey to each and every one of you my sincere good wishes for the coming months. During 1945 you shall find your tasks will become ever more important, and your responsibilities ever more heavy, as the pace of offensive action against our enemies is increased."

"Each of you has a special task, a task which is just as important in winning the war as any other, anywhere. Whether your missions during the new year will be to fight, or to train, the successful completion of them will mean that you have your share of the work."

"I extend my congratulations to you for the high caliber of your work during the past year. We have a record which all may be proud of, and one which we intend to maintain during the months of the new year. Many of our units which were training with us in 1944 are now overseas. Many are still here, some, expecting to go."

"You have had a good record in the past, and the units which have trained with you have without exception discharged their duty well, when they were overseas to combat. You can maintain that record. To all of you go my best wishes for the new year. Keep up the good work, and my sincere faith that each of you will find gratification in doing your part."

There are various types of Second Army units at Fort Benning, under the supervision of Fourth Headquarters, each of them formed and trained for a specific, specialized task to be done overseas. Ordnance, Quartermaster, Signal, and other specialized units are training here under Second Army.

As Commanding Officer of Fourth Headquarters, Colonel Tabacco has supervision of all of these units as his responsibility. He can proudly say that he is personally acquainted with the personnel, problems, policies, and policies of each of these units, and under his command. He is not a "swivelchair" commander, but goes out every day, rain or shine, among the companies and battalions under his direction, talking over problems with the unit commanders and considering ideas proposed to him. He talks to the men of these units, because he considers it his duty to the success of a unit and keeps a close tab on it.

Colonel Tabacco is familiar with the duties of the various units of the service. A veteran of 27 years service, beginning in the First World War, he has attended Commanding Officer of the Infantry School, and has been able to put into practice the theories he learned, having seen service in the Philippines, Hawaiian Islands, and throughout the continental limits of the United States, including the desert where he participated in maneuvers with the 91st Division.

Under Colonel Tabacco are capable assistants. Lieutenant Colonel Frank M. Boring is executive officer of Fourth Headquarters, Major Neil R. Maxey is adjutant, Major Henry C. Varnum is training officer, Major William H. Moore is supply officer, and Captain M. M. Torres and Lieutenant Harold T. French are in charge of personnel.

Although units serving under Fourth Headquarters are Service companies, they are Army Ground Forces troops, and in combat they go right up to the front backing up the infantry and the armored forces as they drive the Germans and the Japs back nearer to Berlin and Tokyo.

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Musicos Swap Instruments For Stretchers On Munda

How Infantry musicians put their instruments aside and doubled as litter bearers in the battle for Munda was told here today by Corporal Harvey A. Dix, former drummer who was decorated with the Combat Infantryman Badge at a recent formation of Company A, Academic Regiment, The Infantry School.

"In the Hibidie and on Guadalcanal we entertained our outfit with shows and concerts six nights a week," Dix recalls, "but when the regiment went into action at Rendova and Munda we left our instruments behind and carried stretchers and rifles."

Sometimes the "musicians" took such big risks that soldiers on the front lines would "worry out loud" about them.

"If a man was wounded while out on patrol between us and the Japs, we'd go out there to bring him back, sometimes right in the face of the enemy. As we passed our outposts the riflemen always shouted warnings to keep low, and take care of ourselves."

"When we reached the casualty we'd put a compress on his wound and roll him onto a stretcher while the men on the line covered us with smoke and fire. At a given signal we'd pick up the litter and rush back about five yards. Then we'd drop again while they fired over our heads. Three or four rushes and they'd be safe inside the American lines, and a few minutes later at the aid station."

"Our cases were always calm," Dix says. "Once we brought back a man whose leg was hanging by

killed and five were wounded while serving as litter-bearers. Dix himself escaped injury although he "can't figure out how." Twenty Jap mortar shells once burst within 10 feet of him, and after one surprise bombing raid on Rendova, he got up and found 12 dead soldiers and numerous other casualties within 30 feet of his foxhole.

Back in civilian life Dix was assistant manager of a chain grocery store in Brattleboro, Vt., and worked nights as drummer in a dance band which played over local radio stations. A graduate of Brattleboro High school, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dix of Brattleboro road, Brattleboro, Vt.

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